Washington Indian Affairs Official Assesses Utes' Development Slate

Martin Mangan, chief of program planning, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D C, is conducting an assess ment survey of the Ute Indian tribe 10 year development program

Assisting Mr Mangan are Clyde Pensoneau, chief of ag ricultural extension, Miss Lucille Hastings, social worker, and Everett Wood, credit officer, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D C

The 10 year development program is a plan worked out by Ute tribal members and approved by the Bureau of Indian Affairs aimed at re-educating and rehabilitating members of the Ute Indian Tribe (full blood Indians of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation) to enable them eventually to take over complete handling of their own affairs free of restrictive supervision

Mr Mangan and members of his party are here to evaluate the progress made since the program was instigated Dec. 14, 1956

To do this the group has consulted with Darrell Fleming, agency superintendent, and members of his staff, the Ute tribal business committee, R O Curry, tribal executive secretary, Marion Harrison, in charge of the family plan, Francis Wyasket, in charge of compliance under the family plan, and with other department directors

They have toured the Uin tah and Ouray reservation, visiting all major communi ties and conferring with com munity leaders

Specifically Mr Woods has evaluated the tribal budget for the past two years and con ferred with the business committee with respect to proposed budgets

Miss Hastings has visited all welfare clients who are living in the housing developments built by the Ute Tribe in an endeavor to determine whether their mode of life has been approved and to suggest modifications or extensions of the existing welfare program

Mr Pensoneau has toured the subjugation project at Randlett where the Ute Tribe is reclaiming a vast acreage of ground through a land leveling and resources improvement program

Mr Mangan has met with businessmen's groups at Roosevelt and Vernal and with religious and civic leaders and law enforcement officers in the Roosevelt and Vernal areas to determine the reaction of these groups to the progress being made by the Ute Indians under the 10 year program, and to accept suggestions for improving the plan

The survey began Oct 21 and will be completed about noon Friday, according to Mr Mangan

Before arriving in Roosevelt, Mr Mangan and his party conferred in Salt Lake City with John Boyden, Ute tribal attorney, and with members of the University of Utah Indian Service Bureau They will confer again Friday afternoon with Harold W Bently, dean of the University of Utah Extension Division, and with Mr Boyden before returning to Washington